PYGMY BANDAR HUNTING...
FALK & BARRY 4-27
KILLED BY BIG CAT,, FRESH... MUST BE CLOSE...
VERY CLOSE.
BEGINNING: BLACKIE
A PYGMY..ATTACKED IN THE JUNGLE...
DEADLY PYGMY POISON. IT'S DEAD WHEN IT HITS THE GROUND.
BAM
MEOW
MEOW
?
MEOW.. MEOW...
THE KITTEN GOES TO MOTHER,, WHO DOESN'T ANSWER...
DON'T BE AFRAID.. BABY...
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MEOW..
FALK & BARRY 4-29
BLACK PANTHER. THE MOTHER ATTACKED THEM.. HAD TO KILL IT...
HOW SAD. POOR LITTLE ORPHAN...
DADDY,, CAN WE KEEP HER?
FALK & BARRY 4-30
A HIM,, YES. NOT FOR LONG ,,HAVE FUN.
SO CUTE. NOT FOR LONG? YOU'VE TRAINED SO MANY ANIMALS.
NEVER A BLACK PANTHER...

A FEW MONTHS PASS...
COME, BLACKIE!
THE CHILDREN LOVE BLACKIE. A SHAME TO TAKE HIM AWAY.
TRIED TO TRAIN BLACK PANTHERS.. NEVER COULD. ALWAYS REVERT TO THE WILD.
I'LL TAKE HIM TO EDEN. DO BETTER THERE.
PURR
PURR
(SOB) MOMMY .. DOES BLACKIE HAVE TO GO?
DADDY THINKS IT'S BEST, HELOISE.
AW...
WILL WE EVER SEE HIM AGAIN?
YES.. IN EDEN.. WHEN HE'S BIG. (I HOPE.)
GOODBYE.. BLACKIE...
FALK & BARRY 5-2
EDEN.. THE PHANTOM'S SPECIAL ISLE...
..SEPARATED FROM JUNGLE BY PIRANHA-FILLED RIVER.. FROM THE OCEAN BY SHARP CORAL REEFS...
GREAT CATS RAISED ON LIVE FISH IN THE LAGOON.. SUPPLIED BY MORI FISHERMEN...
NEVER TASTING HOT BLOOD, THE CATS LIVE IN PEACE WITH THEIR FELLOW ISLANDERS...
CHEE
HIL
HRL
PURR
ROAR
HISS
FALK & BARRY 5-4
EDEN
WAIT HERE, FELLAS.
EXCITED, THE ANIMALS OF EDEN AWAIT THEIR MASTER.
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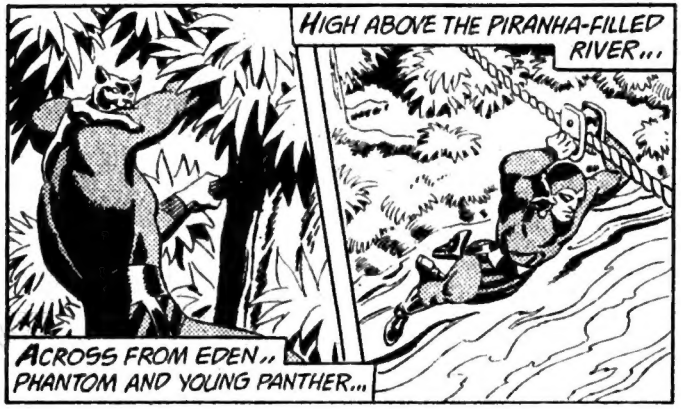
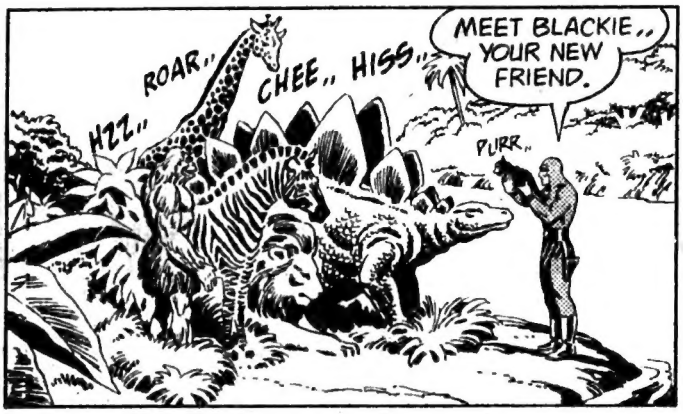
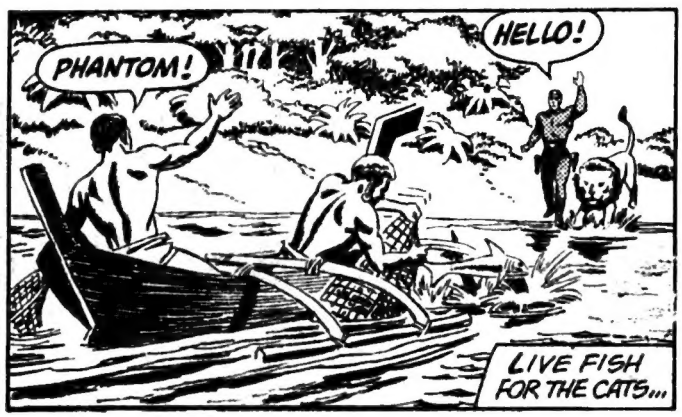

HIGH ABOVE THE PIRANHA-FILLED RIVER...
ACROSS FROM EDEN.. PHANTOM AND YOUNG PANTHER...

HAPPY WELCOME FOR EDEN'S MASTER.
HELLO, BABIES!
HZZ
PURR
CHEE
HISS
FALK & BARRY 5-6


ROAR..
HZZ..
CHEE.. HISS..
MEET BLACKIE.. YOUR NEW FRIEND.
PURR..

QUEENIE AND HER TIGON KITTENS...
QUEENIE.. ROOM FOR ONE MORE?
PURR..

LUNCH ON EDEN.


PHANTOM!
HELLO!
LIVE FISH FOR THE CATS...

A GASH FROM A SHARP FIN...
!

LITTLE CUT.. NOT BAD...

A BLEEDING WOUND, WASHED IN THE LAGOON...
GO AND GET IT!
FALK & BARRY 5-9

?!

??!!
ROARR

BLOOD IN THE WATER,, AT EDEN...
??!!
ROARR
SABOR!
NO..NO!
ROOARR
FALK & BARRY 5-11
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MOVE AWAY!.. YOUR BLOOD! ..NO, SABOR!
ROARR
FALK & BARRY 5-12
?!
COOL OFF!
ANOTHER DWELLER OF EDEN...
ON EDEN,, SUBDUING THE EXCITED LION...
GASP!
SABOR, SIT!
GOOD.
FALK & BARRY 5-13
SIT! STAY. GOOD BOY, SABOR.
HIS MASTER'S VOICE.
GO, SABOR. EAT.
FALK & BARRY 5-14

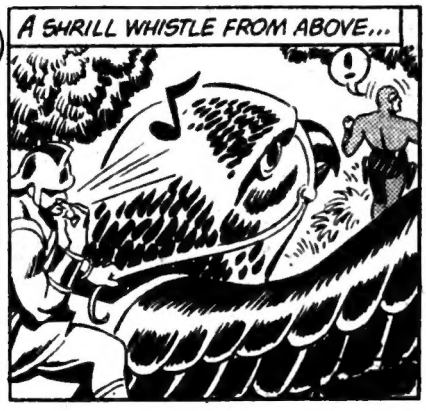
THE CATS NEVER TASTED WARM ANIMAL BLOOD.. IN THIS CASE,, YOURS.. RAISED ON FISH...
SORRY,, CUT ARM..
FALK & BARRY 5-15

YOU WASHED YOUR ARM IN THE WATER.. JUST AS THE CATS GOT NEAR YOU,, THAT SET HIM OFF...

LUCKY I WAS HERE. IF THE CATS EVER TASTE ANIMAL BLOOD, IT'LL BE THE END OF EDEN.
HZZ

ON EDEN...
HZZ.. IF THE CATS EVER TASTE ANIMAL BLOOD, WE MUST PROTECT THEM.
HZZ HZZ..
FALK & BARRY 5-16

NEVER SURE IF HE UNDERSTANDS ME...


A SHRILL WHISTLE FROM ABOVE...

ON THE PHANTOM'S EDEN...
WE SAW YOU ARRIVE, O GHOST WHO WALKS.
GOOD TO SEE YOU, PRINCE VLAD. WAIT HERE.
QUEENIE, TAKE GOOD CARE OF BLACKIE.
PURR
PURRR
MEOW
MEOW

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FALK & BARRY 5-18
TOMORROW: THE LITTLE PEOPLE

DO THE ANIMALS BOTHER YOUR PEOPLE?
THEY DON'T KNOW WE'RE HERE ,, THORN BUSHES KEEP THEM AWAY...

PHAN-TOM.. PHAN-TOM..
FALK & BARRY 5-19

HOME OF THE LITTLE PEOPLE.
FALK & BARRY 5-20
PHAN-TOM!
UNKNOWN TO THE ANIMALS.. THE OTHER DWELLERS OF EDEN.
PHAN-TOM
?!
FOR THOSE WHO CAME IN LATE.
FALK & BARRY 5-21
WHEN THE PHANTOM FIRST MET PRINCE VLAD... OF THE LITTLE PEOPLE.
SCAT!
OUFF.
DO NOT BE AFRAID. I AM YOUR FRIEND.
"MY WOUNDED STEED FELL SLOWLY.. TO SAVE MY LIFE."
WE WERE ATTACKED IN THE AIR BY A GREAT BIRD...
NOW.. YOU SAVED ME FROM THE GIANT CAT. I AM PRINCE VLAD.
MEN CALL ME PHANTOM.
FALK & BARRY 5-22
WHERE DO YOUR PEOPLE LIVE, PRINCE VLAD?
ONLY YOU OF THE GIANTS WILL KNOW.
FALK & BARRY 5-23
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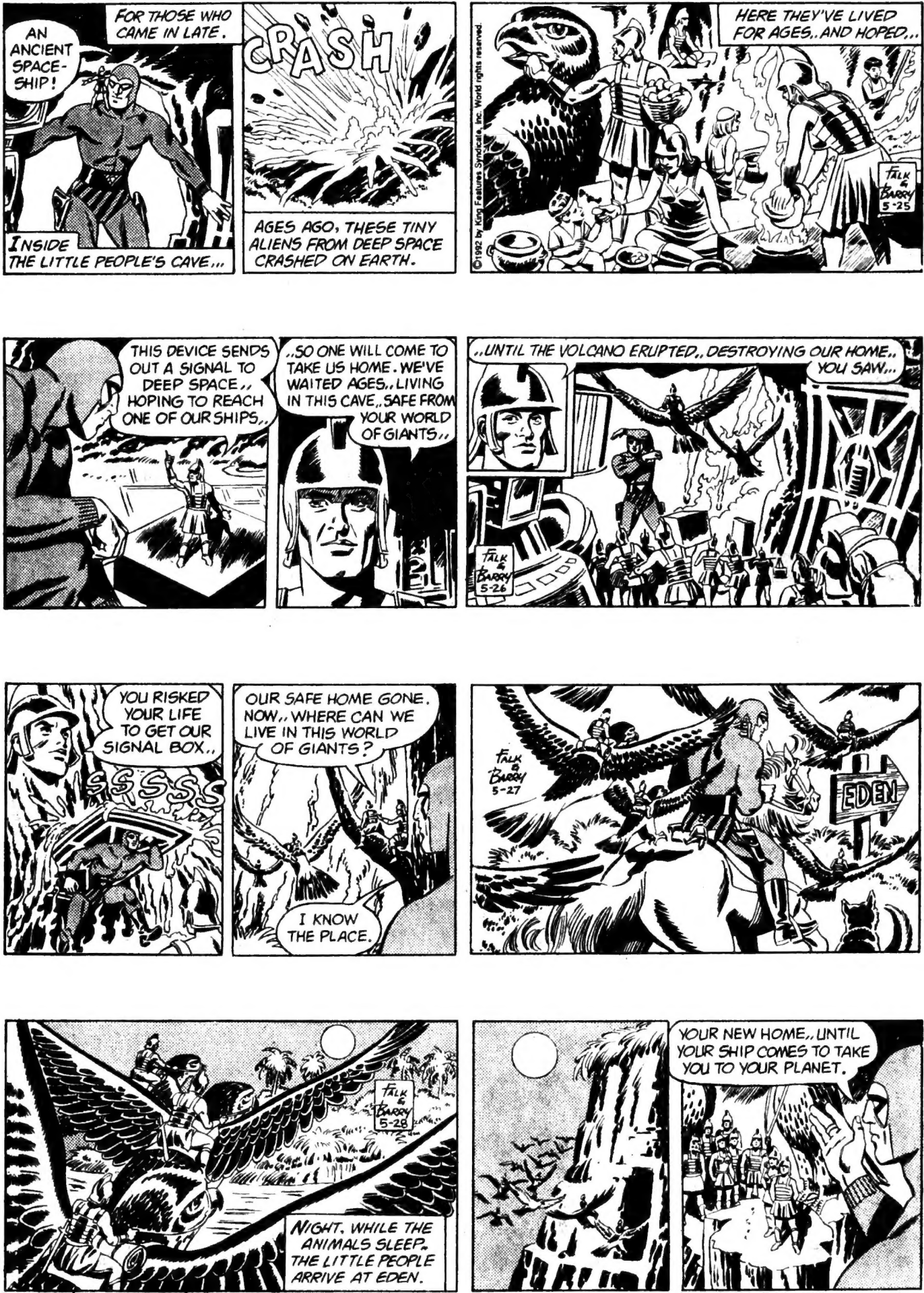
ACROSS A RIVER OF LAVA...
CAREFUL.. IT IS HOT!
THEIR HOME HOLDS AN AMAZING SECRET.
HERE.. WE LIVE.


FOR THOSE WHO CAME IN LATE.
AN ANCIENT SPACE-SHIP!
INSIDE THE LITTLE PEOPLE'S CAVE...
CRASH
AGES AGO, THESE TINY ALIENS FROM DEEP SPACE CRASHED ON EARTH.
HERE THEY'VE LIVED FOR AGES.. AND HOPED...
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FALK & BARRY 5-25
THIS DEVICE SENDS OUT A SIGNAL TO DEEP SPACE,, HOPING TO REACH ONE OF OUR SHIPS,,
,,SO ONE WILL COME TO TAKE US HOME. WE'VE WAITED AGES,, LIVING IN THIS CAVE,, SAFE FROM YOUR WORLD OF GIANTS,,
,,UNTIL THE VOLCANO ERUPTED,, DESTROYING OUR HOME,, YOU SAW...
FALK & BARRY 5-26
YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE TO GET OUR SIGNAL BOX,,
SSSSS
OUR SAFE HOME GONE. NOW,, WHERE CAN WE LIVE IN THIS WORLD OF GIANTS?
I KNOW THE PLACE.
FALK & BARRY 5-27
EDEN
FALK & BARRY 5-28
NIGHT. WHILE THE ANIMALS SLEEP. THE LITTLE PEOPLE ARRIVE AT EDEN.
YOUR NEW HOME,, UNTIL YOUR SHIP COMES TO TAKE YOU TO YOUR PLANET.

YOU'VE BEEN SAFE AND HAPPY HERE, VLAD AND MONA?
SAFE, YES,, FROM YOUR WORLD OF GIANTS.
BUT HAPPY ,,NO.
FALK & BARRY 5-29
NOT UNTIL THIS SIGNAL REACHES OUR PEOPLE SOMEWHERE IN SPACE,,
,,AND THEY WILL FLY IN TO TAKE US HOME,FAR AWAY,, OUT THERE.
SINCE YOU WERE HERE, O GHOST WHO WALKS,, WE HAVE A SURPRISE.
?
OUR BABY.
WE CALL HIM NIKKI,, IN OUR TONGUE THAT MEANS "LITTLE PHANTOM."
NIKKI. BEAUTIFUL.
FALK & BARRY 5-30
GOODBYE, PRINCESS MONA AND BEAUTIFUL NIKKI,,"LITTLE PHANTOM." I MUST GO.
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I HAVE A PANTHER CUB TO TRAIN...
I WILL WATCH YOU FROM THE SKY,, AS ALWAYS,,
IF THERE IS TROUBLE ON EDEN, I WILL USE THIS SIGNAL YOU GAVE US,, TO TELL YOU.
THANK YOU, PRINCE VLAD.
FALK & BARRY 6-1
LEAVING THE HOME OF THE LITTLE PEOPLE...
CAREFUL.
ACROSS THE RIVER OF HOT LAVA...
FAREWELL, O GHOST WHO WALKS,, OUR GREAT FRIEND.
YOUR FRIEND, ALWAYS.
FALK & BARRY 6-2

ON EDEN..THE BLACK PANTHER...
TIME TO GET YOU WEANED, BLACKIE.
LEARN TO EAT THIS..
.. SO YOU WON'T TRY TO EAT THEM, BLACKIE.
FALK & BARRY 6-3
DOWN, BLACKIE.. DOWN. GOOD.
STAY.. STAY, BLACKIE.
GOOD BOY, BLACKIE. EAT.
FALK & BARRY 6-4
HUNGRY, BLACKIE.. DO WHAT THEY DO..
FALK & BARRY 6-5
GO.. BLACKIE. EAT.
GOOD BOY, BLACKIE!
HZZ, THE CAVE MONSTER.
WATCH BLACKIE, HZZ. SEE THAT HE BEHAVES.
HZZ HZZ
I NEVER KNOW HOW MUCH HE UNDERSTANDS.. GOODBYE, QUEENIE.. SABOR.
PURR PURR
GOODBYE. STEGY.. BALDY.. STRETCH.. ALL MY FRIENDS.
FALK & BARRY 6-6
CHEE..
HISSS
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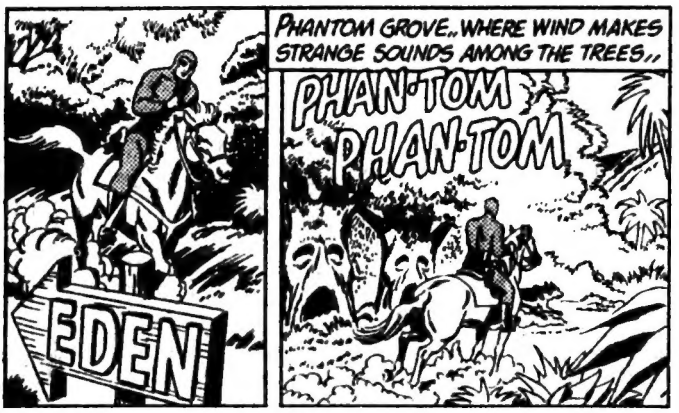
TAKE CARE OF BLACKIE, QUEENIE.
ACROSS THE PIRANHA-FILLED RIVER...
FALK & BARRY 6-8

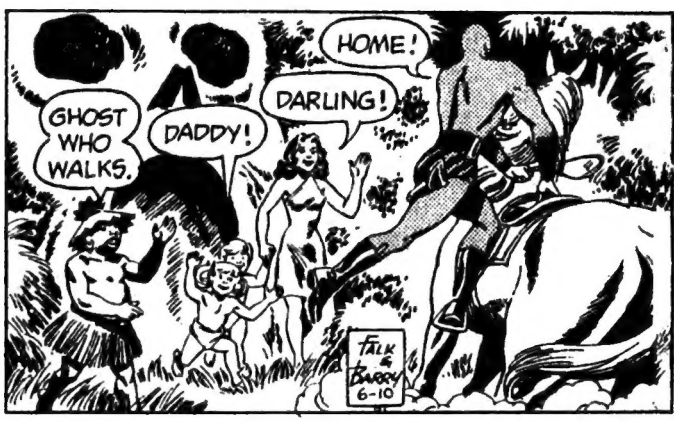
I HATE TO LEAVE THEM.. GOODBYE...


PHANTOM GROVE.. WHERE WIND MAKES STRANGE SOUNDS AMONG THE TREES..
PHAN-TOM
PHAN-TOM
EDEN

ON THE GREAT PLAIN NEAR THE PEAK CALLED PHANTOM-HEAD.
HOME SOON, FELLAS!
FALK & BARRY 6-9

PHAN-TOM
PHAN-TOM
INTO THE DEEP WOODS.. FEARED BY JUNGLE FOLK.. GUARDED BY THE PYGMY POISON PEOPLE...

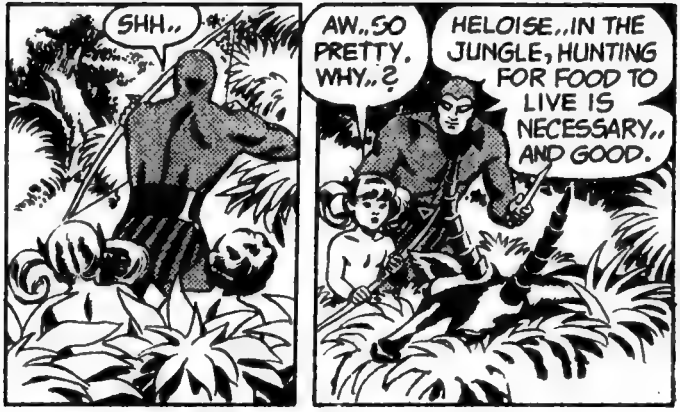
INTO THE SECRET ENTRANCE...


GHOST WHO WALKS.
DADDY!
DARLING!
HOME!
FALK & BARRY 6-10

HOW IS BLACKIE?
FINE. CAUGHT HIS FIRST FISH AND I VISITED PRINCE VLAD AND THE LITTLE PEOPLE.
FALK & BARRY 6-11

MONA AND VLAD HAVE A BABY.. THIS BIG. THEY CALL HIM NIKKI.. IN THEIR LANGUAGE "LITTLE PHANTOM."
HOW SWEET.
OH. I'D LOVE TO SEE THAT BABY!

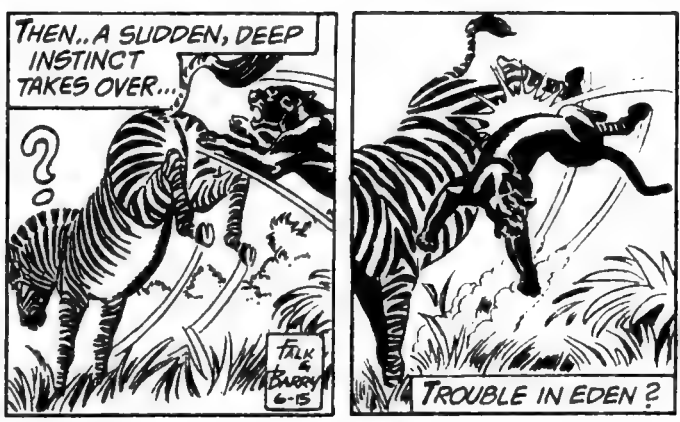
KIT, STOP THAT. DADDY, MAKE HIM STOP.
KIT, STOP TEASING HELOISE.
FALK & BARRY 6-12


SHH..
AW..SO PRETTY. WHY..?
HELOISE..IN THE JUNGLE, HUNTING FOR FOOD TO LIVE IS NECESSARY.. AND GOOD.

BLACKIE MUST BE BIG NOW. WONDER HOW HE'S DOING?
AT EDEN, BLACKIE'S BEEN DOING FINE...
FALK & BARRY 6-13

UNTIL NOW. THEN.. AN ANCIENT INSTINCT...
TROUBLE IN EDEN?

ON PHANTOM'S ISLE OF EDEN.. BLACKIE GROWS.. FEEDS WITH THE OTHER CATS...


THEN.. A SUDDEN, DEEP INSTINCT TAKES OVER...
?
FALK & BARRY 6-15
TROUBLE IN EDEN?

ON PHANTOM'S EDEN: BAFFLED BY ZEBRA'S DEFENSE.. BLACKIE MOVES ON...
FALK & BARRY 6-16

HZZ.. THE CAVE MONSTER...
HZZ, WATCH BLACKIE. SEE HE BEHAVES.
HZZ ?

NO FEAR AMONG THE ANIMALS OF EDEN,, SO FAR..
!
?
FALK & BARRY 6-17
AS BLACKIE STARTS TO LEAP,. TO KILL...
!
GRRRRRR
!
GRRRRRR
?
FALK & BARRY 6-18
?!
VLAD, PRINCE OF THE ALIEN LITTLE PEOPLE,,
FURIOUS,. BLACKIE CHARGES HZZ...
HZZ'S ROCK-LIKE HIDE,, NOT HURT BY FANGS AND CLAWS...
MAY THIS REACH HIM IN TIME.
ELECTRONIC SIGNAL,, LEFT BY THE PHANTOM,,
FALK & BARRY 6-19
ON EDEN,. HZZ HOLDS OFF BLACKIE FROM KILLING...
HE SAID,, IF TROUBLE.. PRESS THIS..
FALK & BARRY 6-20
PRINCE VLAD. THE ALIEN,,
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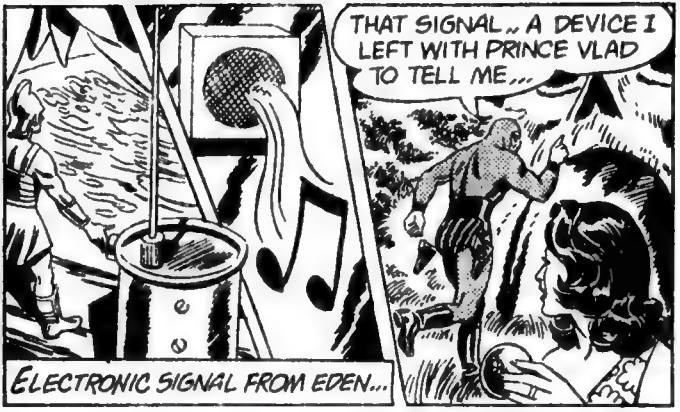
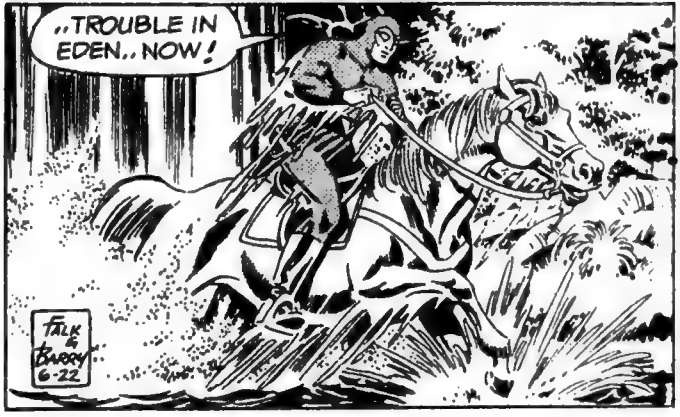
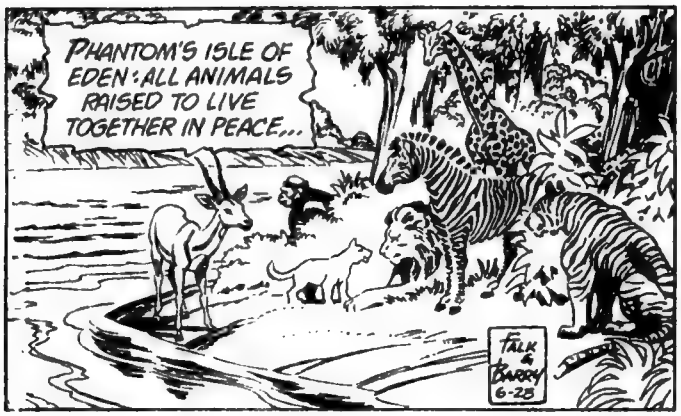
WHAT IS THAT ?
EDEN!


THAT SIGNAL.. A DEVICE I LEFT WITH PRINCE VLAD TO TELL ME...
ELECTRONIC SIGNAL FROM EDEN...


..TROUBLE IN EDEN.. NOW!
FALK & BARRY 6-22


PHANTOM'S ISLE OF EDEN: ALL ANIMALS RAISED TO LIVE TOGETHER IN PEACE...
FALK & BARRY 6-23

IN THE JUNGLE.. HUNTERS AND PREY.. HERE FRIENDS...

BUT.. BLACKIE REVERTS TO A PREDATOR.. A KILLER...
HZZ!
GRRRR..

TROUBLE IN EDEN? PRINCE VLAD WOULD NOT SIGNAL.. UNLESS IT'S SERIOUS.
FALK & BARRY 6-24

SERIOUS.. HZZ QUICKLY HERDS THE GRASS-EATERS TOGETHER...
HZZ HZZ.

.. TO GUARD AGAINST THE RAGING BLACKIE...

BLACKIE TRIES TO CIRCLE THE GRASS-EATERS.. HZZ STOPS HIM...
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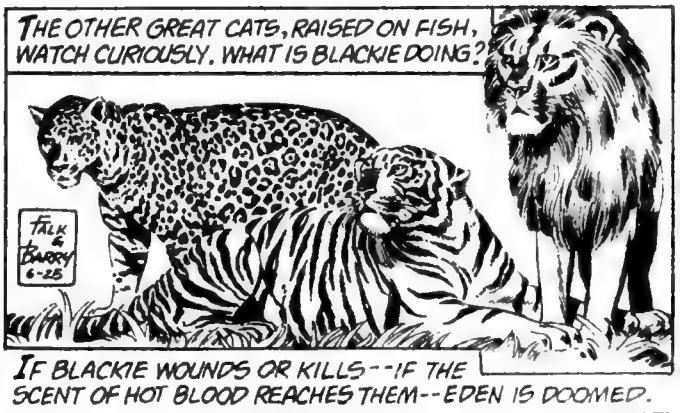
THE OTHER GREAT CATS, RAISED ON FISH, WATCH CURIOUSLY. WHAT IS BLACKIE DOING?
FALK & BARRY 6-25
IF BLACKIE WOUNDS OR KILLS--IF THE SCENT OF HOT BLOOD REACHES THEM--EDEN IS DOOMED.

HRZ AND BALDY JOIN HZZ GUARDING THE GRASS-EATERS.
HZZ!
CHEE!
HRZ!
GRRR
FALK & BARRY 6-26

GRASS-EATERS GET HUNGRY.. BLACKIE WATCHES..WAITING HIS CHANCE...

YAWN..
YAWN..
THE GUARDIANS TIRE..HAD ENOUGH...

HRZ!
HZZ!
CHEE!
ANOTHER DAY AND A NIGHT, GUARDING THE GRASS-EATERS AGAINST BLACKIE..
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HE'S HAD ENOUGH..AND SHOWS THE OTHERS...
HZZ

FALK & BARRY 6-27
THE END OF BLACKIE ?

HE REACHES THE RIVER, ACROSS FROM EDEN..
NO SOUND THERE. WHAT'S GOING ON ?
FALK & BARRY 6-29

THE GUARDIANS ABOUT TO DESTROY BLACKIE...
HZZ
CHEE
HRZ
BLACKIE TRIES TO ESCAPE...

AS BLACKIE TRIES TO ESCAPE.. HRZ MISSES.
HRZ!
FALK & BARRY 6-30

STOP!

ON EDEN,, AS BLACKIE IS ABOUT TO DIE...
!
!
STOP!
HZZ RELAXES,, TERRIFIED, BLACKIE TAKES OFF...
FALK & BARRY 7-1
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GRRRR
BLACKIE,, STAY!
GRRRR
FALK & BARRY 7-2
HIS MASTER'S VOICE!
!
GOOD BLACKIE ,,GOOD BABY,,
PURRR
PURRR
WHAT HAPPENED HERE? HZZ,, IF YOU COULD ONLY TALK.
HZZ
PURR,,
FALK & BARRY 7-3
I SAW IT ALL, O GHOST WHO WALKS.
PRINCE VLAD,,
BLACKIE WENT WILD,, TRIED TO ATTACK THE GRASS-EATERS.
BLACKIE WENT SAVAGE,, TRIED TO ATTACK,, HZZ STOPPED HIM...
"AFTER DAYS AND NIGHTS GUARDING THE HERD. HZZ DECIDED,, TO KILL HIM."
YOU CAME,, JUST IN TIME. NOW WHAT, O GHOST WHO WALKS?
?
FALK & BARRY 7-4
PURRR

HZZ, HRZ, BALDY,, YOU DID WELL. IF BLACKIE HAD SHED THE BLOOD OF A GRASS-EATER...
FALK & BARRY 7-6
"THE SCENT OF HOT BLOOD WOULD HAVE DRIVEN THEM WILD,,"
,,ALL OUR GENTLE FRIENDS WOULD BE DEAD,, AND SO WOULD EDEN.
NOW WHAT CAN BE DONE?
BLACKIE IS LIKE A KITTEN, BECAUSE YOU ARE HERE, O GHOST WHO WALKS.
I KNOW, PRINCE VLAD.
FALK & BARRY 7-7
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"HZZ HAS SEEN HIM WILD. IF YOU GO, HZZ WILL KILL HIM."
YOU ARE THE MASTER OF EDEN.
I HAVE.
YOU MUST DECIDE.
BLACKIE CANNOT STAY HERE. TOO GREAT A RISK,, HE COULD ATTACK THEM AGAIN...
FALK & BARRY 7-8
I KNOW YOU LOVE ALL YOUR ANIMALS. BUT,, AN EASY WAY,, THE RIVER,, FULL OF FISH* ,, DROP HIM THERE.
*PIRANHA.
YOU ARE HARD, LITTLE PRINCE.
WE MUST BE,, TO LIVE IN YOUR GIANT WORLD.
YOU DECIDED. YOU WILL KILL BLACKIE?
VLAD,, WHAT HE DID WAS NOT EVIL. HE RETURNED TO HIS NATURE. HE IS A PREDATOR.
FALK & BARRY 7-9
"MY TRAINING WORKED WITH THE OTHER CATS. WITH HIM I FAILED."
YOU CANNOT STAY HERE, BLACKIE. YOU'LL COME WITH ME.
PURRR

ONE WORD THEY ALL KNOW.."GOODBYE".
GOODBYE. BE HAPPY. BE GOOD.
HZZ...
CHEE...
PURR.. PURR..
HISS
COME, BLACKIE. GOING TRAVELING.
BLACKIE'S NOT AFRAID. WITH THE MASTER, NOTHING CAN HURT HIM...
STAY, BLACKIE.
FALK & BARRY 7-10
HIGH OVER THE DEADLY PIRANHA-FILLED RIVER...
FALK & BARRY 7-11
NOW.. YOU'RE FREE, BLACKIE. GO.
?
THE ANIMALS OF EDEN.. WATCHING ACROSS THE RIVER...
FALK & BARRY 7-13
FREE NOW, BLACKIE.. YOU'RE HUNGRY.. GO EAT..
?
DOING AS TRAINED.. INTO THE WATER.. BUT HERE.. FIERCE PIRANHA...
NO, BLACKIE.. NOT THIS WATER.. NOT THESE FISH...
OUT OF THE PIRANHA-FILLED RIVER...
FALK & BARRY 7-14
POOR BLACKIE.. STOPPED FROM EATING ANIMALS.. NOW.. THE FISH.. THE WAY I TRAINED YOU...
NO WONDER YOU'RE CONFUSED. I'LL HAVE TO UNTRAIN YOU.. FOR THE JUNGLE...

WAIT FOR OUR SNARE TO CATCH A RABBIT..
FALK & BARRY 7-15
GOT ONE!
OBEDIENT TO HIS MASTER.. HE TASTES HOT BLOOD FOR THE FIRST TIME.
BLACKIE.. EAT.
GOODBYE, BLACKIE. GOOD LUCK IN YOUR NEW WORLD.. THE JUNGLE.
NO LARGE PREDATORS HERE. HE'LL SURVIVE..
!
FALK & BARRY 7-16
NO, BLACKIE. YOU CAN'T COME WITH US.
THIS IS YOUR NEW HOME. STAY!
FALK & BARRY 7-17
LIFE ON EDEN.. BACK TO NORMAL.. PEACE.
AND BLACKIE.. NOW HUNTER.. BUT THERE ARE TIMES...
.. WHEN HE LOOKS ACROSS TO EDEN.. WHERE HE GREW UP.. NOW FORBIDDEN.. HIS PARADISE LOST.
FALK & BARRY 7-18
NEXT WEEK: NEW ADVENTURE
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